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Army Entertainment *BRAVO!* brings “Pvt. Wars” to Europe

By IMA-Europe MWR Marketing

Heidelberg, GE – U.S. Army Entertainment’s *BRAVO!* Touring Company opens their European tour of “Pvt. Wars,” Aug. 10 and 11 at Kaiserslautern’s KMC Onstage. The production then moves on to perform in Bosnia, Kosovo, Belgium and The Netherlands before returning to Germany on its limited run which ends Sept. 17 in Heidelberg.

The story of three Soldiers recovering from war injuries at an Army hospital, the play by James McLure combines humor and compassion with uncompromising honesty as it follows the irreverent doings of its characters.

Gately fiddles compulsively with a disemboweled radio; streetwise Silvio is addicted to “flashing” (even though his sex organs have suffered—he thinks—irremediable battle damage); while Natwick, a prissy “rich kid” from Long Island, writes letters to his mother telling her how much he wants to become a close friend of Gately (while omitting mention of how actively Silvio dislikes him).

Comprised of a series of brief blackout scenes, the play blends these into a meaningful mosaic as the three tease, torment, entertain, exasperate and, on occasion, solace each other—maintaining throughout a hilarity which belies their deep concern about the uncertainties of the civilian world to which they will soon be returning.

The PG-13-rated drama is intended for mature audiences. The play deals with the realities of war and the consequences it sometimes brings to the emotional state of those involved. Physical loss, drinking and suicide are some of the powerful themes addressed in “Pvt. Wars.”

BRAVO! is an all-Soldier touring theatrical company that performs on military installations throughout the world, delivering theatrical arts to Soldiers, Department of Defense civilians and their families.

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The "Pvt. Wars" cast includes Sgt. Michael Malizia of Bamberg, Germany; Sgt. 1st Class Robert Isom of Fort Jackson, S.C.; and Sgt. Eric Bragg of Fort Detrick, Md.

Contact your local MWR Entertainment program for details on show time and location.

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Sidebar:

European schedule for "Pvt. Wars"

10 & 11 Aug – Kaiserslautern KMC Onstage, 7:30 pm
15 Aug – Eagle Base, Bosnia, Peace Keepers Hall, 8:00 pm
17 Aug – Camp Bondsteel Theatre, Kosovo, 8:30 pm
20 & 21 Aug – SHAPE Entertainment Center, 7:00 pm
22 Aug – HQ JFC Brunssum Theatre, 1:00 pm
24 & 25 Aug – Hanau Five Pfennig Playhouse, 7:30 pm
26 Aug – Wiesbaden Amelia Earhart Playhouse, 7:30 pm
27 Aug – Baumholder HS Auditorium, 7:00 pm
28 Aug – Baumholder HS Auditorium, 2:00 pm
31 Aug & 1 Sept – Kitzingen Performing Arts Center, 7:00 pm
2 & 3 Sept – Stuttgart Theatre Center, 7:30 pm
5 Sept – Darmstadt Cambrai Fritch Movie Theatre, 7:30 pm
8 & 9 Sept – Ansbach Terrace Playhouse, 7:30 pm
10 & 11 Sept – Bamberg Stable Theatre, 7:30 pm
12 Sept – Garmisch Players Community Theatre, 7:30 pm
13 Sept – Hohenfels Community Activities Center, 7:00 pm
14 Sept – Vilseck High School Multi-Purpose Room, 8:00 pm
16 & 17 Sept – Heidelberg Roadside Theater, 7:30 pm

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0544-IsomBragg.jpg: Cast members Sgt. 1st Class Robert Isom, a drill sergeant stationed at Fort Jackson, S.C., and Sgt. Eric Bragg of Fort Detrick, Md., struggle with injuries sustained during the Vietnam War in "Pvt. Wars" by James McLure, a BRAVO! Army Theatre Touring Company production. Admission is free for the PG-13-rated play intended for mature audiences.
Photo by Tim Hipps, USACFSC Public Affairs

0544-PvtWars.jpg: Cast members Sgt. 1st Class Robert Isom of Fort Jackson, S.C.; Sgt. Eric Bragg of Fort Detrick, Md.; and Sgt. Michael Malizia of Bamberg, Germany, perform "Pvt. Wars" by James McLure. The BRAVO! Army Theatre Touring Company is delivering the play to Soldiers and military families in Maryland, Virginia, Georgia, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Illinois, Germany, Sarajevo, Kosovo and Belgium.
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